

# **Current Storm Situation**

## Updated June 27, 2008 2:30 PM

### **Severe Weather**

Wisconsin Emergency Management is monitoring the severe weather that is expected to move through the state this afternoon and evening. The EOC will reactivate at 2:30 p.m.

## **Declaration for Public Assistance**

Governor Doyle was notified today that 14 Wisconsin counties are eligible for federal disaster assistance for debris removal, emergency response services related to the flooding, and repairing or replacing damaged public facilities, such as roads and buildings.

Named in the federal disaster declaration for Public Assistance program are Adams, Columbia, Crawford, Dane, Dodge, Grant, Iowa, Lafayette, Monroe, Milwaukee, Richland, Sauk, Vernon and Winnebago Counties. Governor Doyle will request additional counties for the public assistance program when damage assessments are finished.

Under the Public Assistance program, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) will provide reimbursement to local and state agencies and certain private non-profit agencies for 75 percent of the total eligible costs. The State of Wisconsin will cover 12.5 percent and the remaining 12.5 percent is the applicant's share. The disaster aid will cover equipment usage, debris removal, search and rescue operations, emergency protective measures and repair work to public infrastructure. Wisconsin Emergency Management will work with FEMA in implementing the declaration. Local communities will be contacted by their county emergency management office for further information.

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Wisconsin residents have received more than **\$11.8 million** to date in federal and state disaster assistance grants, an increase of \$5.6 million in a 48-hour period, officials announced today.

# Recovery summary as of close of business June 26, 2008:

- 21,180 residents have registered for Individual Assistance in the 28 declared Wisconsin counties.
- **\$10.6 million** in Individual Assistance has been distributed for temporary housing and home repairs.
- \$1.3 million has been provided for other disaster needs such as transportation, medical
  and dental expenses, moving and storage fees, and replacement or repair of personal
  property.
- 10,781 home inspections have been completed.
- 1,582 individuals have visited the ten Wisconsin Disaster Recovery Centers (DRCs).

# **Disaster Recovery Centers**

A Disaster Recovery Center (DRC) opened today in **Waukesha County** at the Waukesha County Highway Operations Building, 1641 Woodburn Rd., Waukesha

The DRCs remain open daily from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the locations below:

Public Safety Building 128 Cross Street Juneau

South Park School 1551 Delaware St. Oshkosh

Portage High School 301 E. Collins St. Portage

Columbus High School 1164 Farnham Avenue Columbus

North Crawford High School 47050 County X Soldiers Grove

Living Faith Church 852 N. Main St. Viroqua

Reedsburg High School 1100 S. Albert Ave. Reedsburg

Milwaukee County Rehab Center City Campus 2711 West Wells St.
Milwaukee

On Monday, June 30, a DRC is scheduled to open in Grant County.

Youth Agriculture Center Lancaster Fairgrounds 916 E. Elm Street Lancaster

Hours of operation:

Monday, June 30: 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. then 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. until further notice.

# Register before visiting DRCs

Storm and flood victims who plan to visit a disaster recovery center are asked to register for assistance by calling 1-800-621 FEMA (3362) or TTY 1-800-462-7585 or visit <a href="https://www.fema.gov">www.fema.gov</a>, even if they previously reported their damage to local authorities. They need to formally register with FEMA to be eligible to receive assistance.

FEMA's Community Relations (CR) Teams are mobilized in the 28 declared counties. The CR Teams are providing disaster information on how to register with FEMA.

### **Road Closure Updates**

Both the eastbound and westbound portions of I-94 are now open with two lanes of traffic. Most other major highways in Wisconsin, including Interstates that were closed during the recent floods, are now open to traffic. The up-to-date list and map of road closures is available on the WisDOT Web site at <a href="www.dot.wisconsin.gov">www.dot.wisconsin.gov</a> (click on flood & incident alerts) or by calling 1-800-ROADWIS.

#### **National Guard**

The National Guard continues to provide debris removal in the city of Fond du Lac, pumping water in Richland County, and traffic control and power generation support in Jefferson County. The Guard is also providing assistance with an engineer assessment in the Spring Green area.

- Local Government Websites
  - Adams County +
  - Columbia County +
  - Crawford County +
  - Dane County +
  - Dodge County +
  - Fond du Lac County +
  - Iowa County +
  - Marquette County +
  - Milwaukee County +
  - Racine County +
  - Richland County +
  - Sauk County +
  - Sheboygan County +
  - Vernon County +
  - Washington County +
  - Waukesha County +
  - Winnebago County +